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SUBJECT: MEETING OF HONDURAN, SALVADORAN AND GUATEMALAN LEADERS

HONDURAN MEDIA HAVE BEEN REPORTING MEETING OF CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ, AND PRESIDENTS MOLINA AND ARANA IN GUATEMALAN BORDER TOWNS OF ESQUIPULAS AND CHIQUIMULA ON OCTOBER 6. LA NOTICIA AND TIEMPO CARRIED STRAIGHT NEWS ACCOUNTS ON OCTOBER 9 AND 10, HOWEVER, WELL KNOWN NEWS COMMENTATOR ARTURO SAGUSTUME CRITICIZED SECRECY OF MEETING ON OCTOBER 10 AND ASKED WHAT LOPEZ WAS TRYING TO HIDE FROM THE HONDURAN PEOPLE. EL CRONISTA CARRIED EXTREMELY CRITICAL STORY ON OCTOBER 11 CONDEMNING THE SECRECY OF THE MEETING, ASKED WHAT IS PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN MEXICO IF FRONTIER MATTER BEING DISCUSSED BY LEADERS AND CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO INFORM COUNTRY OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE AT MEETINGS. SANCHEZ

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